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Jennifer L. Johnson, Secretary
Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
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Washington, D.C. 20551

RE: Docket No. R-1210

Dear Ms. Johnson:

I am taking this opportunity to comment on the Preauthorized Transfers portion of this docket. I recently, had Chase Manhattan Bank use a pre-authorized debit transaction without authorization to remove funds from my account at Fleet Bank (now Bank of America). When I requested information about this transaction, my bank had no knowledge of any authorization; they had honored the debit simply because it was received. If you wish to have details of this problem, I have filed a complaint with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, # 519231, or I will be happy to supply additional information upon request.

I believe that the dispersing bank should have a copy of any pre-authorizations before they release any funds and that a summary of existing authorizations should appear on consumers' account statements. Such a process would make unauthorized transfers much more difficult and investigations into questionable transactions much easier. It would also allow consumers to check what authorizations exist on their accounts. This could be accomplished electronically at relatively little cost.

I believe the intent of the current regulations is to allow the consumer to have control of both the authorization and revocation of authorization for pre-authorized Debits. Closing the loop by giving the consumer a record of the existing authorizations, will further that objective.

Sincerely,

Edward Oslund